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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1950. The report is prepared on the lines indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 2/50 dated 25th January, 1950.

The Crude Birth Rate is 13.61 and corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, this becomes 15.11, compared with 15.8 for England and Wales.

The Crude Death Rate is 12.76 and corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, this becomes 9.82, compared with 11.6 for England and Wales.

The Tuberculosis death rate is 0.16 compared with 0.36 for England and Wales.

The preliminary report of the Registrar General on the Census of England and Wales has been published and the following figures relate to this district—Population 43,132, comprising 20,273 males and 22,859 females. At the 1931 Census the population of the district was 38,341, comprising 17,729 males and 20,612 females. The increase of 4,791 is 12.5% of the population at the 1931 Census.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year was three hundred and twenty-four less than in 1949. There were no heavy outbreaks of measles such as occurred in 1949, and the number of cases of measles notified shews a decrease of four hundred and forty over the previous year and is the lowest since 1942.

Six cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the period September to November, five of which were admitted to hospital. There were no deaths. Investigations failed to reveal the source of the infection and no contact was traced between the patients, four of whom lived in different parishes. In regard to the other two, they lived in the same parish but one case occurred in September and the other in November.

The number of cases of whooping cough notified shewed an increase of ninety-one and was the highest since 1944.

Smallpox.

During the outbreak of smallpox in Brighton, a suspected case occurred in Jarvis Brook on the 20th January, 1951, and was removed to hospital after examination by a medical officer of the Ministry of Health.

Steps at once were taken for isolation of immediate contacts and for discovery of remote contacts. There were thirty-three primary contacts and fourteen secondary contacts of the patient and all these persons were vaccinated, and visited daily by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Fortunately it was reported from the Central Public Health Laboratory on the 24th January, 1951, that bacteriological investigations had proved the patient was not suffering from smallpox, and control measures were discontinued.

Mass vaccination was not advocated as a means of control, but large numbers made demands on general practitioners, and eventually it was found necessary to relieve the situation by setting up a vaccination clinic in Crowborough, and a bulk supply of vaccine lymph was maintained at the Public Health office for issue to doctors.

In all 19,210 persons were vaccinated during the period.

Vaccination.

On the 5th July, 1948, compulsory vaccination ceased and arrangements for the provision of facilities for vaccination became a function of the County Council, and the following procedure was instituted in this district.

On the day a child becomes three months old a leaflet advising vaccination at about the fourth month of age is sent to every parent concerned, the option being given of the treatment being carried out by their own medical practitioner at his surgery or at clinics arranged by the council.

During the year ending 31st December, 1950, the numbers of vaccinations carried out at clinics or reported by general practitioners, in age groups, were — 0-1 yr. 342 ; 1-4 yrs. 32 ; 5-14 yrs. 43 ; 15 yrs. and over, 46 — total 463. The numbers of re-vaccinations were 0-1 yr. 18 ; 1-4 yrs. 15 ; 5-14 yrs. 42 ; 15 yrs. and over, 176—total 251.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The scheme continues to operate smoothly and the percentage of immunised children in the 5-15 age group has again increased and is 98.9 for the year under review. However, in the 1-5 age group there has been a slight decrease in the percentage of immunised children and is 94.7 as compared with 97.3 for 1949.

Seventy-six children under one year of age were immunised, which shews an increase of 18 over the previous year.

No case of diphtheria has been notified in the District since November, 1946.

Tuberculosis.

The table on page 15 shews the incidence of tuberculosis to be the highest recorded in this district. The preponderance of cases is of the respiratory type, and while the actual number is not high, it is well to draw attention to our main measures of control of this infectious disease ; early diagnosis and treatment.

A mass radiography unit is provided in East Sussex and is established from time to time at various centres of population in the County. The unit can photograph 1,000 people in a week on 35 mm. film. An experienced chest physician examines the films and persons found to be not quite normal are asked to be photographed again on full size films.

In each case of doubt the private doctor of the person concerned receives a full report, and in all cases action is taken only through the family doctor. The result of the examination is entirely confidential.

It is a wise precaution for everyone to have an occasional x-ray examination of the chest ; anyone suffering from a prolonged chest complaint, winter cough, or unexplained debility, should do so without delay.

The radiography unit may not visit this district for about three years ; but the service it provides can be readily obtained by visiting the place where it has been established, most probably one of the coast towns. The examination is free and the actual location can be discovered, and an appointment made by writing to the Director, Mass Radiography Unit, 26, Ditchling Road, Brighton, 7., or by application to this office.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year the Council have arranged for the burial of two persons under the provisions of Section 50 of the Act, the total cost of the funerals amounting to £31. 2s. 6d. Neither of the deceased persons qualified for a death grant from the National Insurance Scheme and none of the Council's expenditure was recoverable.

Food Byelaws.

The Byelaws made under section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 have now been in force in this area since March 26th of this year. A copy of these byelaws has been handed to all proprietors and managers or owners of premises where food is handled, prepared or exposed for sale, and the various requirements contained therein have been explained and discussed. Some opposition has been encountered in a few instances where the enforcement of the provisions of the byelaws has interfered with long-standing trade custom or habit, but generally speaking the response and co-operation of the tradesmen has been good.

In some instances the hard task has been to convince the proprietor of a business long established in unsuitable premises that the changes sought are not only necessary for compliance with the Byelaws, but essential for the protection of his customers' food.

General provision merchants and green-grocers have been asked to discontinue the practice of displaying on the footpath in front of their premises fresh fruit and other articles of food, and to raise all foodstuffs to a reasonable distance above floor level to prevent unnecessary contamination from animals, dust and dirt. Considerable improvement has been effected in the display of bacon, butter, cheese and other similar commodities by the provision of glass display cabinets or screens.

Attention has been drawn to the need for personal hygiene among the staff in all food shops and restaurants, and water heaters and wash basins have now been installed in all the catering establishments in the district and in most of the food shops. Notices are displayed in the staff sanitary conveniences reminding the personnel to wash their hands always after using the convenience.

The problem of the open-fronted fish shop is also being tackled and although this is one of the instances where long-standing custom makes the enforcement of the byelaws difficult, considerable improvements in the method of display have been achieved in several shops by means of the provision of display cabinets and the use of existing glass screens, and I anticipate that given time all the fish traders in the district will comply with the requirements of the byelaws as a result of informal action by this department.

Much attention has also been given during the year to the facilities in public houses for glass-washing and as a result most of the licensed premises in the area now have hot and cold water at the bars. Some of the Brewers have installed glass washing appliances and all are conscious of their responsibility in this matter and have expressed their willingness to comply with our requirements.

Much has been achieved in the short time since the byelaws were adopted, but more remains to be done. It must be realised, however, that in many instances full compliance with the byelaws entails much structural alteration to premises and very considerable expense. It has been deemed reasonable to allow a gradual improvement in such premises, or sufficient time for the securing of the necessary capital, provided always that temporary measures are instituted for the protection of food exposed for sale.

There are very few street traders in this district and they do not present a serious problem. Two of them discontinued street trading in this area when confronted with the requirements of the byelaws, and the others have taken the necessary precautions to protect their merchandise against risk of contamination. Regular inspections are made of vans used for the delivery of food such as bread, meat and fish, and a high standard of cleanliness is maintained.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN PETRIE.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT, 1950.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	112,099	acres
Population (Registrar-General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	...	42,230	
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	...	.37	
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,548	
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 336,253	
Sum represented by one penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 1,331	
Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.61	
Death rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.76	
Infantile Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	22.60	

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Legitimate	271	274	545
Illegitimate	17	13	30
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							575
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Deaths.					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
					260	279	539
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CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE UCKFIELD RURAL RISTRICT.

Cause of Death					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases					1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	6	3	9
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	5	5	10
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	—	12	12
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	—	5	5
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	27	18	45
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	38	63	101
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	45	22	67
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	8	8	16
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	37	61	98
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	12	12	24
Influenza	...	...	...	...	6	3	9
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2	9	11
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	14	9	23

Causes of Death in the Uckfield Rural District.—*continued.*

<i>Cause of Death.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	3	0	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	4	1	5
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	—	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	4	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	13	—	13
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	1	1
Congenital malformations	—	3	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	23	23	46
Motor vehicle accidents	5	3	8
All other accidents	1	2	3
Suicide	2	2	4
Homicide and operations of war ...	—	—	—
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	260	279	539
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BIRTH RATE, CIVILIAN DEATH RATE AND ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR, 1950.

	Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population.		Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population.							Rate per 1,000 Live Births.		
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes.	Paratyphoid and Typhoid.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Tuberculosis.	Influenza.	Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis.	Pneumonia.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years).	Total Deaths under 1 year.
England and Wales ...	15.8	0.37	11.6	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.36	0.10	0.02	0.46	1.9	29.8
126 County Borough and Great Towns including London ...	17.6	0.45	12.3	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.09	0.02	0.49	2.2	33.8
148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000-50,000 at 1931 Census)	16.7	0.38	11.6	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.33	0.10	0.02	0.45	1.6	29.4
London ...	17.8	0.36	11.8	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.39	0.07	0.01	0.48	1.00	26.3
Uckfield Rural District	13.61	0.18	12.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.21	0.00	0.26	0.00	22.6
:												
Maternal Mortality Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 total births ...												
Maternal Mortality Rates for Uckfield Rural District												
										Puerperal Sepsis	Other Maternal Causes	
										0.12	0.74	
										—	0.58	

(A dash (—) signifies that there were no deaths).

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1935-1950.

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births.							Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate					M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total											
1935	38,160	231	214	445	5	5	10	11.92	254	250	504	13.20	7	7	14	30.76	49	
1936	38,480	238	227	465	11	5	16	12.50	238	213	451	11.72	12	12	24	49.90	30	
1937	38,480	210	218	428	13	7	20	11.64	263	256	519	13.48	7	8	15	33.48	71	
1938	38,500	224	230	454	8	10	18	12.25	218	219	437	11.35	11	6	17	36.01	35	
1939	38,780 (a) 41,010 (b)	232	208	440	13	10	23	11.94	247	233	480	11.70	6	2	8	17.28	17	
1940	44,350	233	220	453	18	8	26	10.80	255	300	555	12.51	8	9	17	35.49	76	
1941	43,760	241	242	483	35	32	67	12.57	273	317	590	13.48	13	8	21	38.18	40	
1942	40,750	301	274	575	36	33	69	15.80	244	294	538	13.20	17	12	29	45.03	106	
1943	39,360	296	263	559	47	53	100	16.74	255	319	574	14.58	14	8	22	33.38	85	
1944	37,200	309	269	578	74	62	136	19.19	247	278	525	14.11	13	8	21	29.41	189	
1945	36,830	230	216	446	67	59	126	15.53	255	277	532	14.44	12	7	19	33.21	40	
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	12.96	13	6	19	26.13	218	
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149	
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138	
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48	
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36	

(a) Population for calculation of Birth Rate.
(b) Population for calculation of Death Rate.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year :—

Disease.	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Malaria	2	—	—
Measles	98	1	—
Pneumonia	29	3	1
Poliomyelitis	6	5	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	—
Scarlet Fever	37	25	—
Whooping Cough	125	1	—
Para-Typhoid Fever	1	1	—
Erysipelas	2	1	—
Undulant Fever	1	1	—
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	1	—
TOTALS	304	40	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES
IN THE YEAR, 1950.

	England and Wales.	126 C.B's and great towns in- cluding London.	148 Smaller towns Resident Population 25,000—50,000 at 1931 Census.	London Adm. County.	Uckfield Rural District.
NOTIFICATIONS :—	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population :—				
Typhoid Fever ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	00.0
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02
Scarlet Fever ...	1.50	1.56	1.61	1.23	0.87
Whooping Cough ...	3.60	3.97	3.15	3.21	2.96
Diphtheria	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.00
Erysipelas	0.17	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.04
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	8.39	8.76	8.36	6.57	2.11
Pneumonia	0.70	0.77	0.61	0.50	0.68
Acute Poliomyelitis } Acute Polioence- phalitis -(paralytic and non-paralytic) }	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.13	0.14
Food Poisoning ...	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.25	0.00

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS.

	Under 1 year.	1 year.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years.	5—10 years.	10—15 years.	15—20 years.	20—35 years.	35—45 years.	45—65 years.	Over 65 years.	Age Unknown.	TOTALS.
Malaria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Measles ...	5	4	6	9	7	57	8	—	1	—	—	—	1	98
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	4	7	9	5	—	29
Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Scarlet Fever	—	—	1	3	4	25	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	37
Whooping Cough	6	7	12	15	15	67	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	125
Para-typhoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Undulant Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTALS	11	11	19	28	26	154	13	3	9	11	10	6	3	304

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Malaria.	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Poliomyelitis.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Para-typhoid Fever.	Erysipelas.	Undulant Fever.	Meningococcal Meningitis.	TOTALS.
BUXTED	—	2	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	7
CROWBOROUGH	2	3	16	—	—	2	62	—	—	—	—	85
DANEHILL	—	2	1	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	10
FLETCHING	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	8
FOREST ROW	—	52	3	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	60
FRAMFIELD	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
FRANT	—	1	5	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	12
HADLOW DOWN	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
HARTFIELD	—	7	—	—	—	1	7	1	—	—	—	16
ISFIELD	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
LITTLE HORSTED	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MARESFIELD	—	18	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	20
MAYFIELD	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	1	8
ROTHERFIELD	—	3	—	1	—	16	15	—	—	—	—	35
UCKFIELD	—	1	—	2	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	9
WADHURST	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	4
WITHYHAM	—	1	—	—	—	2	16	—	1	—	—	20
TOTALS	2	98	29	6	2	37	125	1	2	1	1	304

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1935-1950.

YEAR.	NEW CASES				Total. <i>M</i> and <i>F</i>	DEATHS			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.			Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
1935	22	12	7	6	47	11	5	1	3
1936	16	14	3	1	34	9	5	3	—
1937	12	24	6	7	49	10	6	1	4
1938	8	10	8	7	33	4	6	2	1
1939	11	7	3	5	26	10	7	1	1
1940	13	15	9	2	39	4	1	4	4
1941	24	16	5	7	52	11	8	1	1
1942	12	16	10	3	41	3	5	6	—
1943	20	12	8	6	46	4	4	—	2
1944	10	16	2	5	33	8	4	2	—
1945	14	20	1	4	39	12	9	—	1
1946	14	11	15	4	44	3	4	1	—
1947	10	10	5	5	30	7	7	3	1
1948	19	8	2	5	34	9	5	—	—
1949	21	15	4	6	46	3	4	—	—
1950	20	19	6	9	54	2	—	1	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1950.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	2	1	1	4	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	5	3	—	—	—	—
15	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	6	4	—	1	—	—	—	—
45	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	2	1	—	1	1	—	1	—
65 years and upwards ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	20	19	6	9	2	—	1	—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following tables show the position with regard to immunisation at 31st December, 1950 :—

One to five years of age in Districts :—

<i>District</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>	<i>Number Immunised</i>	<i>Percentage Immunised</i>
Blackham	15	15	100
Mark Cross	30	30	100
Danehill	118	117	99
Frant	54	53	98
Hartfield	93	91	98
Uckfield	271	265	98
Mayfield	126	122	98
Buxted	64	62	97
High Hurstwood	33	32	97
Isfield	34	33	97
Nutley	68	66	97
Wadhurst	221	214	97
Hadlow Down	25	24	96
Five Ashes	37	35	95
Eridge	29	27	93
Rotherfield	94	88	93
Crowborough	460	424	92
Forest Row	154	142	92
Groombridge	63	58	92
Blackboys	43	39	91
Fletching	33	30	91
Framfield	58	53	91
Piltdown	23	21	91
Little Horsted	10	9	90
Maresfield	30	27	90
Withyham	42	37	88
Fairwarp	39	34	87
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	2,267	2,148	94.7
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Five to Fifteen years of age—Attending elementary schools :—

<i>School.</i>					<i>No. of Children</i>	<i>Number Immunised</i>	<i>Percentage Immunised</i>
Buxted	...	...	...	...	136	136	100
Danehill	...	...	...	...	132	132	100
Fairwarp	...	...	...	...	38	38	100
Five Ashes	...	...	...	...	46	46	100
Fletching	...	...	...	...	73	73	100
Framfield	...	...	...	...	103	103	100
Frant	...	...	...	...	60	60	100
Hadlow Down	...	...	...	...	35	35	100
Hammerwood	...	...	...	...	27	27	100
Hartfield	...	...	...	...	97	97	100
Hérons Ghyll R. C.	...	...	...	...	29	29	100
Mark Cross	...	...	...	...	39	39	100
Nutley	...	...	...	...	155	155	100
Rotherfield	...	...	...	...	164	164	100
Wadhurst R.C.	...	...	...	...	21	21	100
Whitehill	...	...	...	...	445	440	99
St. Johns	...	...	...	...	99	98	99
Forest Row	...	...	...	...	244	242	99
Groombridge	...	...	...	...	204	202	99
Uckfield Parochial	...	...	...	...	378	375	99
Uckfield R.C.	...	...	...	...	160	158	99
Sir Henry Fermor	...	...	...	...	281	276	98
Eridge	...	...	...	...	63	62	98
Maresfield	...	...	...	...	59	58	98
Wadhurst V.P.	...	...	...	...	283	278	98
Blackham	...	...	...	...	29	28	97
High Hurstwood	...	...	...	...	34	33	97
Little Horsted	...	...	...	...	37	35	95
Mayfield	...	...	...	...	154	146	95
Withyham	...	...	...	...	22	21	95
Isfield	...	...	...	...	33	31	94
Jarvis Brook	...	...	...	...	46	43	93
Blackboys	...	...	...	...	44	39	89
					3,770	3,720	98.6
Attending County Schools	...	...	...	...	470	467	99.3
Attending Private and Residential Schools	...	...	...	...	945	943	99.7
Attending Schools Outside District	...	...	...	...	235	233	99.1
Over 5 years, Schools unknown	...	...	...	...	492	487	98.9
					5,912	5,850	98.9

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES, WEIGHING CENTRES AND ANTE-NATAL CLINICS IN THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT.

<i>Name of Centre.</i>					<i>When held.</i>	
BUXTED—						
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday	in each month
CHELWOOD GATE—						
Chelworth, Chelwood Gate	...	...	...	...	4th Thursday	„
CROWBOROUGH—						
Wesleyan Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	„
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S						
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	3rd Wednesday	„
DANEHILL—						
Scouts Hut, Danehill	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	„
FAIRWARP AND MARESFIELD—						
Village Hall, Fairwarp	...	...	...	...	1st Wednesday	„
FOREST ROW—						
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	1st and 3rd Thursdays	„
(Ante-Natal)					3rd Thursday	„
FRAMFIELD—						
Church Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Thursday	„
FRANT—						
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Fridays	„
(Ante-Natal)	...	...	...	...	4th Friday	„
GROOMBRIDGE—						
The Hut	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Mondays	„
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM—						
British Legion Hall, Hartfield			...	...	1st and 3rd Fridays	„
JARVIS BROOK—						
Memorial Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Friday	„
MAYFIELD—						
Congregational Church Hall			...	...	1st and 3rd Fridays	„
NUTLEY—						
Mission Hall	...	...	...	...	4th Friday	„
ROTHERFIELD—						
British Legion Hut	...	...	...	...	3rd Friday	„
UCKFIELD—						
County Clinic...	...	...	...	...	1st Tuesday	„
(Ante-Natal)	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday	„
WADHURST—						
The Institute	...	...	...	...	1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday	„
(Ante-Natal)	...	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday	„

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 23506) continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 7 o'clock from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director : Dr. Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

It continues to be the duty of the County Council under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is still being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the British Red Cross Society and other voluntary organisations.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted direct from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served.</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number.</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 532 Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At all other times Crowborough 882.	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 2840	3
Buxted (South part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield Hadlow Down	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

SANITARY SUPERVISION.

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts	1,959
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	328
Inspections made of cowsheds, dairies and milk shops	194
Visits to bakehouses	70
„ „ factories (with power 83, without power 17)	100
„ „ butchers' shops and slaughterhouses	339
„ „ knackers yards	2
„ „ fish frying premises	9
„ „ food premises	477
„ „ ice cream premises	96
„ „ shops (under Shops Act)	69
„ „ hop-pickers' lodgings	21
„ „ licensed premises	97
„ „ in connection with tents, vans and sheds	40
„ „ „ „ infectious diseases	101
„ „ „ „ water supplies	301
„ „ „ „ eradication of bed bugs and other vermin	11
„ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction	3,321
„ „ „ „ sanitary accommodation at Schools	20
„ „ „ „ public conveniences, halls, etc.	5
„ „ „ „ requisitioning	24
„ „ „ „ civil defence	15
Miscellaneous visits	249
Interviews	179
No. of drain tests carried out	205
„ „ water samples taken	108
„ „ milk samples taken	45
„ „ ice cream samples taken	30
„ „ rooms disinfected and disinfested	56
„ „ preliminary notices served	197
„ „ „ „ complied with	139
„ „ statutory notices served	58
„ „ „ „ complied with	34

BYE-LAWS RELATING TO HOP-PICKERS.

Twenty-one visits were made to hop-pickers' lodgings during the season.

A total of eighty-four lodgings were provided on the farms where imported pickers were employed and the occupants comprised sixty-eight families, including fourteen males, one hundred and eleven females and eighty-six children.

Three preliminary notices were served during the period and the following improvements have been made to lodgings as a result of earlier representations :

No. of huts cleansed and/or limewashed	84
No. of huts re-roofed	12
No. of huts provided with improved lighting and ventilation	10
No. of closets improved	3
No. of new huts erected	2
No. of accumulations removed	1

FACTORIES.

One hundred visits were made to factories during the year. Of these, eighty-three were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provision as to health.

PREMISES.	NO. ON REGISTER.	INSPEC- TIONS.	NOTICES.	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	45	17	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	142	83	9	—
TOTAL	187	100	9	—

Cases in which defects were found.

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED.
	FOUND.	REMEDIED.	REFERRED.		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR.	By H.M. INSPECTOR.	
Want of cleanliness ...	6	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	1	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	4	2	—	—	—
TOTALS	12	8	—	—	—

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supplies.

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

During the year two new distributors of milk were placed on the register, making a total of eighteen. In the case of one of the new distributors, it was necessary for his premises to be completely renovated before registration could be approved.

A total number of 194 visits were made to dairies and 26 samples of milk were submitted to the Bacteriologist for biological examination. All the samples were found to be free from M. Tuberculosis.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949.

The under mentioned classes of licences were issued during the year to milk dealers :—

To use designation “ Tuberculin Tested ”	...	...	...	19
(This figure includes one supplementary)				
To use designation “ Accredited ”	...	...	...	2
To use designation “ Pasteurised ”	...	...	...	1

Nineteen samples of designated milk were submitted to the Bacteriologist for examination, seventeen of which were satisfactory. In the case of the two unsatisfactory samples, details were forwarded to the Milk Production Officer of the East Sussex County Council, with a view to inspections being made of the producers premises.

ICE CREAM.

Registration of Premises.

Total number of registered premises :—

For manufacture	...	...	...	...	...	3
For storage and sale	...	...	...	...	...	118
Number of premises registered during the year :—						
For storage and sale	...	...	...	...	...	29

Samples.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	30
Passed Methylene Blue and Coliform Tests	...	...	...	...	...	23
Failed Methylene Blue Test	...	...	...	...	...	7

Of the seven samples which failed to pass the tests six were from ice cream manufacturers outside the District. The local authorities concerned were informed of the result of the analyses and given the names of the manufacturers.

In the case of the sample taken from ice cream manufactured in the District, the manufacturers concerned were given advice by the Sanitary Inspector and the subsequent samples taken proved to be satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

During the year 583 visits were made to food premises and shops in the district, including 97 visits to hotels, inns and other licensed premises.

The various classes of premises were generally found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition and the following improvements were carried out voluntarily by the occupiers or owners of the premises concerned :—

Summary of Improvements.

No. of premises provided with constant supply of hot water	5
No. of kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed, redecorated or improved	19
No. of new sinks provided	3
No. of premises with improved sanitary accommodation ...	10
No. of premises with increased sanitary accommodation ...	2

It was necessary, however, to take legal action in respect of the unsatisfactory structural condition of one cafe. The Court fined the owner of the premises £1 and £3 3s. costs and the necessary works of improvement were carried out within a few weeks of the hearing of the case.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year three hundred and thirty-nine visits were made to slaughterhouses and butchers' shops.

The inspection of meat at the Ministry of Food's centralised slaughterhouse, situated at Uckfield, was carried out by the District Sanitary Inspectors.

The total weight of foodstuffs surrendered was 6 tons, 18 cwts, 1qr. 17 lbs.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING Cows	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS
Number slaughtered	658	143	860	1279	195
Number inspected	658	143	860	1279	193
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	1	—	7	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	161	70	2	162	70
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	24.46	49.64	.23	13.21	38.97
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned ...	3	8	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	52	42	—	—	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	8.35	34.96	—	—	3.07

Of the 860 calves killed, 99 were heifer calves.

The following tables show that eleven carcases and one hundred and thirty-five parts or organs were found to be affected with tuberculosis and that fourteen carcases and four hundred and fifty-one parts or organs were affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis.

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Whole carcasses and organs ...	3	8	—	—	—
Forequarters	3	1	—	—	—
Hindquarters	3	1	—	—	—
Heads and tongues	25	12	—	—	6
Lungs	35	36	—	—	1
Livers	6	2	—	—	—
Hearts	—	1	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	2	—	—	—	1

Other Diseased Conditions.

CATTLE, excluding Cows.

4	Heads and tongues	...	Actinomycosis
2	Heads and tongues	...	Abscesses
3	Pairs of lungs	...	Pneumonia
3	Pairs of lungs	...	Echinococcus Cysts
1	Pair of lungs	...	Abscesses
1	Pair of lungs	...	Distomatosis
138	Livers	...	Ditto
12	Livers	...	Abscesses
4	Livers	...	Angiomatosis
7	Livers	...	Cirrhosis
1	Liver	...	Necrosis and Abscesses
1	Liver	...	Cysts
1	Kidney	...	Ditto
1	Spleen	...	Peritonitis
1	Spleen	...	Abscesses
1	Brisket	...	Ditto
1	Thin skirt	...	Ditto
1	Shin	...	Bruised

Cows.

1	Carcase and organs	...	Abscesses and Emaciation
3	Heads and tongues	...	Actinomycosis
1	Portion of hindquarter	...	Bruising
1	Pair of lungs, heart and skirt	...	Abscesses and Pericarditis
1	Pair of lungs and brisket	...	Abscesses
1	Pair of lungs	...	Ditto
1	Pair Lungs	...	Pneumonia
1	Pair of lungs	...	Echinococcus Cysts
57	Livers	...	Distomatosis
13	Livers	...	Angiomatosis
7	Livers	...	Abscesses
3	Livers	...	Cirrhosis
1	Tongue	...	Actinomycosis
4	Udders	...	Decomposition
1	Udder	...	Mastitis
1	Tripe	...	Decomposition
1	Kidney	...	Cysts
1	Kidney	...	Abscesses
	Trimmings from forequarters	...	Bruised

CALVES.

2	Livers	...	Cysts
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SHEEP.

5	Carcases and organs	...	Bruising and Lacerations
2	Carcases and Organs	...	Dropsy and Emaciation
12	Pairs of lungs	...	Strongylosis
92	Livers	...	Distomatosis
33	Livers	...	Cysts
17	Livers	...	Parasitic condition
1	Liver	...	Cirrhosis
1	Flank, shanks and trimmings	...	Damaged by dogs
5	Necks	...	Ditto
1	Leg and flank	...	Ditto
3	Legs	...	Bruising and Lacerations
1	Shoulder	...	Ditto

PIGS.

4	Carcases and organs	...	Abscesses
1	Carcase and organs	...	Pleurisy and Peritonitis
1	Carcase and organs	...	Oedema
5	Pairs of lungs	...	Pneumonia
1	Pair of lungs and heart	...	Pneumonia and Pericarditis
51	Sets of intestines	...	Sour
2	Sets of intestines	...	Decomposition
2	Sets of chitterlings	...	Ditto
1	Mesentery	...	Ditto
6	Sets of mesenteric fat	...	Ditto
1	Set of pigs trotters	...	Bruising
1	Leg of pork	...	Ditto
1	Hind leg	...	Abscesses

Foodstuffs Voluntarily Surrendered.

329½	lbs. English beef	...	Bruised
264	lbs. Imported beef	...	Bone Taint
70	lbs. Corned beef	...	Decomposed
60	lbs. Bacon	...	Ditto
46½	lbs. Prawns	...	Ditto
28	lbs. Haddock	...	Ditto
28½	lbs. Ham	...	Ditto
2	lbs. Cheese trimmings	...	Soiled and Unmarketable
½	lb. Butter	...	Rancid
1	lb. Collar of bacon	...	Decomposed
1	Side of bacon	...	Bone Taint
1	box Kippers	...	Decomposed
3	stone Dog fish	...	Ditto
2	stone Dover sole	...	Ditto
4	stone Witches	...	Ditto
462	tins Fruit	...	Blown and/or Damaged
3	tins Preserves	...	Ditto
4	tins Syrup	...	Ditto
32	tins Vegetables	...	Ditto
5	tins Tomatoes	...	Ditto
68	tins Milk	...	Ditto
16	tins Meat	...	Ditto
1	tin Spaghetti and cheese	...	Ditto
46	tins Danish grislings	...	Ditto
2	tins Brawn	...	Ditto
20	tins Fish	...	Ditto
71	tins Soup	...	Ditto

3	tins	Cod liver paste	...	Ditto
1	tin	Ox tongue	...	Decomposed
1	tin	Vita cup	...	Blown
49		Christmas puddings	...	Mouldy
38	pkts.	Barley pudding mixture		Damaged
9	pkts.	Macaroni	...	Infested with mites
9	pkts.	Barley flour	...	Ditto
5	pkts.	Dates	...	Decomposed
1	bot.	Vinegar	...	Damaged
4	jars	Pickles	...	Ditto
3	jars	Tomato ketchup	...	Ditto
2	jars	Meat paste	...	Decomposed
27	jars	Salad cream	...	Mouldy
6	bots.	Coffee	...	Unsealed and out of condition

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, which came into operation on the 31st March, 1950 re-enacts with modifications the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, and makes permanent provision for preventing loss of food by infestation. The important difference between the provisions of the new and old Acts is that the District Council now has a direct administrative responsibility, whereas formerly the work was carried out by the District Council under delegated powers.

The new Act emphasises the primary obligation as being upon the local authority to ensure that, so far as practicable, its area is kept free from rats and mice. Under the old Act the primary duty was laid upon individual occupiers, coupled with a right of the local authority to enforce the requirement upon them. The latter, however, have a duty to give written notice when they have knowledge that rats or mice are present in substantial numbers on their premises and the District Council are still empowered to give notice to individual occupiers requiring them to take specified action for destroying rats or mice and structural works to prevent their recurrence. Failure to comply with such a notice carries a liability, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding £50, and not exceeding £100 for a second or subsequent offence. The District Council has power themselves to carry out work in default and to recover expenses so incurred. It is pleasing to note that in only one case has it been necessary to serve such a notice.

In addition to the inspection of lands and buildings of a domestic nature local authorities now have a statutory duty to inspect agricultural lands and take the necessary action to see that such lands are freed from rats and mice. This power was formerly vested in County Agricultural Executive Committees. The present staff of two rodent operators would be unable to cope with the inspection of upwards of 1,000 farms and holdings in the District, which it is their duty to inspect. The East Sussex County Council, however, still maintain their Pests Department and when requested to do so (either by the District Council or individual farmers) are prepared to carry out disinfestation work on such lands.

Provision is also made in the new Act for the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, if satisfied, on complaint or otherwise, that any of the functions of a Local Authority under Part I of the Act are not being satisfactorily performed by the Authority, to empower, by order, any person named in the order to exercise those functions on behalf of the Authority. Any expenses incurred by a person named in the order shall on demand be paid to the Minister by the Local Authority.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out during the year by the Rodent Operators :—

	<i>Rats.</i>	<i>Mice.</i>
No. of complaints received	141	50
No. of premises infested	131	47
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	105	14
No. of premises disinfested :		
(a) dwelling houses and schools	156	42
(b) Council Properties viz ; Sewage Disposal Works and Refuse Tips	10	1
(c) Business premises (other than food premises)	18	8
(d) Food premises	18	10
Total number of visits	3321	

Financial Arrangements.

The consolidated grant of 50% of approved net expenditure incurred on the maintenance of rodent control has been continued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Commercial and industrial premises, with the exception of those occupied by the Council, do not qualify for grant aid and have been charged with the actual cost of labour and material used.

In the case of private dwelling-houses a part cost charge, based on the number of poison points laid, has been made.

Sewers.

Testbaiting of the various sewerage systems in the District was carried out during July and August and all the systems were found to be clear of rats.

Refuse Tips and Sewage Works.

Inspections are made at regular intervals of the Council's premises and it was found necessary to carry out treatments at two refuse tips and eight sewage works.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

The work of eradicating insect pests was carried out during the year by the Rodent Operators under the supervision of the District Sanitary Inspectors.

Details of the work are as follows :—

BUGS.

No. of premises disinfested	4
No. of visits	7

FLEAS.

No. of premises disinfested	6
No. of visits	11

FLIES.

No. of premises disinfested	2
No. of visits	7

COCKROACHES.

No. of premises disinfested	1
No. of visits	5

BEES.

No. of premises disinfested	1
No. of visits	1

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	328
(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	1,959
2.	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded	7
3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	74

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	88
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	Proceedings under Sections, 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
(i)	By owners	Nil
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
2.	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	44
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1950)	24
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
3.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(a)	Number of Dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
Note : In all cases undertakings were given by the respective owners not to use the premises for human habitation until rendered fit to the satisfaction of the Council.		
(b)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
(c)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section II.	1

Rural Housing Survey.

During the year 10 houses have been renovated and this has necessitated alterations to the categories in which the dwellings were placed when the housing survey was made in 1948, as shewn below :—

PARISH OF DANEHILL.

1 Category 3a house now category 2.

PARISH OF FLETCHING.

2 Category 3b houses converted into one house now category 2.

1 Category 3a house now category 2.

PARISH OF ROTHERFIELD.

1 Category 3a house now category 2.

1 Category 5y house now category 1.

PARISH OF WADHURST.

2 Category 3b houses converted into one house now category 2.

PARISH OF WITHYHAM.

2 Category 3a houses converted into one house now category 1.

The table of categories shewn in my 1949 annual report has been amended accordingly and the revised figures are as follows :—

CATEGORY 1.

Satisfactory in all respects	1,120
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CATEGORY 2.

Minor Defects	3,465
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CATEGORY 3.

Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvements :—

(a) Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	3,193
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(b) Suitable for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	560
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CATEGORY 4.

Agricultural Cottages structurally capable of being reconditioned (included in Category 3) :—

(a) Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	461
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(b) Suitable for action under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	122
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CATEGORY 5.

Unfit for human habitation and suitable for early demolition :—

(x) Agricultural Cottages	24
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(y) Other dwellings	103
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Repairs and Improvements.

The works of repair and improvement enumerated below were completed during the year :—

INTERNAL.

Dampness in floors remedied	...	...	...	...	52
Dampness in walls remedied	...	...	...	...	60
Floors relaid or repaired	...	...	...	...	63
Walls repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	149
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	101
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	26
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	33
Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	61
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	42
Other woodwork repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	16
Fireplaces and flues repaired	...	...	...	...	15
Cooking stoves repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Cooking stoves provided	...	...	...	...	9
Food stores repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	12
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	13
Sinks provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	36
Sink wastes trapped or provided	...	...	...	...	28
Ceiling heights increased	...	...	...	...	16

EXTERNAL.

Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	21
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	33
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	21
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	37
Dustbins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	5
Paving provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	7
Yards etc., cleansed	...	...	...	...	2
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	3

DRAINAGE.

New systems provided	...	...	...	...	63
Systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	30
Systems cleansed	...	...	...	...	10
W.C's. provided	...	...	...	...	68
W.C's. repaired, cleansed or ventilated	...	...	...	...	18
W.C's. flushing apparatus provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	63
M.P. converted to E.C.	...	...	...	...	1
E.C's. converted to W.C's.	...	...	...	...	21
E.C's. repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	3
Main water supply provided	...	...	...	...	27
Supplies of hot water provided	...	...	...	...	5
Baths provided	...	...	...	...	7

New Houses.

During the year one hundred and nineteen new houses and forty-eight flats were erected by the Council and ten new houses by private enterprise.

Details of the various classes of houses and flats erected by the Council are given :—

<i>Parish.</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No. of Houses.</i>
Buxted (Gordon Road)	C	4
	Flats	4
Buxted (High Hurstwood)	Flats	8
	A	2
	C	2
		<hr/> 20
Crowborough	E	2
	C	10
	D	1
	Flats	4
	Aireys	18
		<hr/> 35
Fletching	C	4
		<hr/> 4
Forest Row	Flats	8
	C	6
		<hr/> 14
Framfield	D	2
	C	4
Framfield (Blackboys)	C	6
	H	2
	K	2
	A	2
	D	2
	Flats	4
		<hr/> 24
Frant	A	2
	C	2
	D	2
		<hr/> 6
Hadlow Down	C	2
	Flats	8
		<hr/> 10
Hartfield	A	6
		<hr/> 6
Isfield	A	2
	C	2
		<hr/> 4
Maresfield (Fairwarp)	C	2
Maresfield (Nutley)	C	4
	D	2
		<hr/> 8
Mayfield	Builders own	2
	type	<hr/> 2
Rotherfield	H	2
	C	6
	Flats	4
		<hr/> 12
Uckfield	Flats	4
		<hr/> 4

<i>Parish.</i>	<i>Type.</i>	<i>No. of Houses.</i>
Wadhurst	C	6
	D	2
		<hr/> 8
Withyham	D	2
	C	2
Withyham (Groombridge)	Flats	4
Withyham (Blackham)	D	2
		<hr/> 10

A	...	...	3	Bedroom Parlour.
C	...	...	2	„ „
D	...	...	3	„ „
E	...	...	3	„ „
F	...	...	1	„ (Ground Floor Flat)
			2	„ (First Floor Flat)
G	...	...	2	„ Parlour.
H	...	...	3	„ No Parlour.
K	...	...	3	„ No Parlour.

Conversions.

Twelve dwelling houses were converted to accommodate nineteen family units.

Requisitioned Properties.

One property was requisitioned during the year 1950, which has accommodated one family unit.

Number of applicants on the Council's waiting list for housing accommodation on 31st December, 1949 840

Number of applicants on the Council's waiting list for housing accommodation on 31st December, 1950 866

Number of applicants housed during the year :—

(a)	In pre-war houses	...	...	...	...	12
(b)	In requisitioned properties	...	...	...	...	21
(c)	In new houses erected by the Council	...	...	...	...	177
						<hr/> 210

Water Supplies.

During the year, extensions of water mains, apart from those necessary for housing sites, were carried out as follows :—

(1)	Uptons Mill to Pound Hill, Framfield	...	780 yards
(2)	Possingworth Manor, Blackboys	...	850 „
(3)	Little Streele, Blackboys	...	980 „
(4)	Uckfield School, Uckfield	...	433 „

Connections to the Council's water main were made as follows :—

Danehill Parish	...	...	...	...	41
Framfield Parish	...	...	...	...	48
Hartfield Parish	...	...	...	...	16
Isfield Parish	...	...	...	...	8
Maresfield Parish	...	...	...	...	17
Uckfield Parish	...	...	...	...	11
Withyham Parish	...	...	...	...	14

Monthly samples of water were taken for bacteriological and chemical analysis from the mains supplies of all water undertakers who operate in the District, viz :—

- The Crowborough District Water Company.
- The Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
- The East Grinstead Gas and Water Company.
- The East Surrey Water Company.
- The Uckfield Rural District Council.

The following table gives details of samples of water taken for analysis from wells and springs supplying private dwelling houses :—

No. of samples taken for bacteriological analysis ...	...	48
No. of samples reported satisfactory ...	...	20
No. of samples reported unsatisfactory ...	...	28
No. of houses connected to the water main following formal action by the Council ...	...	8
No. of houses connected to the water main following informal action by the Council ...	...	19

Position relating to Piped Water Supplies.

PARISH	No. of separate dwellings having main water supply	Estimated number of Inhabitants.	No. of separate dwellings having standpipes.	Actual number of Inhabitants.
Buxted	550	1,833	1	4
Crowborough	2,132	7,038	—	—
Danehill	230	760	—	—
Fletching	22	73	—	—
Forest Row	782	2,581	—	—
Framfield	280	926	—	—
Frant	268	884	10	27
Hadlow Down	214	707	2	8
Hartfield	451	1,488	—	—
Isfield	132	436	4	12
Little Horsted	13	43	—	—
Maresfield	602	1,987	—	—
Mayfield	897	2,961	—	—
Rotherfield	784	2,588	—	—
Uckfield	1,059	3,495	—	—
Wadhurst	1,076	3,551	—	—
Withyham	793	2,618	17	47
	10,285	33,969	34	98

The very small rainfall of the winter was insufficient to produce the normal yield from the springs at Nutley and it was necessary to re-connect the temporary pipeline to the stream so as to augment the supply. Some of the consumers on the higher levels were at times without water.

Water from the Nutley source is limed, aerated and subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration and chlorination before being passed into the mains.

The Crowborough Water Company too failed to maintain the pressure in the mains at Blackham and a failure of supply was reported on several occasions. In order to improve the situation it was decided to connect temporarily the lower levels of the system to our Holtye mains. Shortly after this arrangement was made and with the Autumn rains the position became satisfactory.

Many complaints were received concerning the failure of private supplies in the parish of Framfield.

Water was carted to the following areas :—

- Palehouse Common and Easons Green, Framfield.
- Laphams Down Farm and Cottage, Blackboys.
- Hundred House, Wellgrove, Jubilee Cottages, Twyford and Tewitts Cottages, Pump Lane, Framfield.
- Certain properties in Halland and Piltdown.

This was discontinued when the springs were replenished.

SALVAGE.

The scheme for the collection of salvage in the District has been carried on successfully during the year, and the Surveyor to the Council has supplied the following record of the materials collected and sold.

SALVAGE—Sale of Materials for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

					<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	£	s.	d.
Aluminium	...	...	...	...		12	94	29	16	0
Ashes	...	...	...	...	376 yds.			75	4	0
Bones	...	...	...	...	3	—	7	17	9	0
Brass	...	...	...	...		10	19	21	14	6
Copper	...	...	...	...		2	57	10	19	4
Cullett (approx.)	...	...	...	...	207	—	—	207	0	0
Feathers	...	...	...	...			72	1	10	0
Heavy Iron	...	...	...	...	15	8	56	30	17	0
Light Iron	...	...	...	...	6	3	29	4	12	5
Miscellaneous Sales	...	...	...	...					17	6
Paper Waste	...	...	...	...	201	4	88	1,156	19	11
Rags	...	...	...	...	16	13	49	406	15	10
Rubber	...	...	...	...		4	45		11	2
Sacking, etc.	...	...	...	...	4	—	22	20	1	4
String	...	...	...	...		10	39	4	2	10
Syphons	...	...	...	...		24 Syphons			10	0
Tins	...	...	...	...	58	2	8	73	18	7
White Metal	...	...	...	...			68		9	8
Wire mesh	...	...	...	...		6 yds.			1	8 8
Zinc	...	...	...	...			34		5	11
					513	14	15	£2,065	3	8

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Extensions were made to the sewers during the year, as under :—

- Crowborough Alderbrook 22 yards.
- Uckfield Union Lane 175 yards.
- Selby Gardens 67 yards.

